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# Circular Letter

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**TO: ALL CONTRACTING PUBLIC AGENCIES**

**SUBJECT: 1998 OPTIONAL BENEFITS LISTING**

Attached is the 1998 Optional Public Agency Contract Provisions and Amendment Procedures (PERS-CON-40) under the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

The new optional provision added to the 1998 listing:

Section 20434.5      Any officers or employees of a fire department employed to perform duties of hazardous materials services as "Local Fire Fighters".

This information has been prepared to assist contracting agencies in reviewing optional benefits and to explain the amendment process and the fees involved. Questions regarding the attached material should be directed to the Actuarial and Employer Services Division at the telephone number above.

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